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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY SCENARIO FOR THE SECRETARY'S
VISIT TO LONDON - MARCH 31 - APRIL 2, 1977

REF: LONDON 4483

1. FCO HAS SUGGESTED TWO ADDITIONAL PROGRAM ITEMS FOR SECRETARY VANCE: (A) THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 6:00 OR 6:30 PM. CALL ON PRIME MINISTER. (CHOICE OF TIME IS LEFT TO SECRETARY DEPENDING ON WHETHER HE WOULD PREFER TRAVEL DIRECT FROM HEATHROW AIRPORT TO 10 DOWNING STREET FOR 6:00 PM CALL OR GO FIRST TO HOTEL, THEN TO 10 DOWNING STREET FOR 6:30 PM CALL.) (B) FRIDAY, APRIL 1. BREAKFAST WITH ENERGY SECRETARY BENN. RATIONALE GIVEN FOR REQUEST IS THAT BENN GOING TO US THE FOLLOWING WEEK, WOULD HAVE WANTED TO CALL ON SECRETARY VANCE BUT LATTER NOT AVAILABLE THEN, THEREFORE BENN WANTED OPPORTUNITY TO MEET HIM IN LONDON. HMG WOULD "UNDERSTAND" IF IT NOT
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POSSIBLE TO FIT BENN INTO PROGRAM. (EMBASSY SEES NO PARTICULAR REASON FOR SECRETARY VANCE TO MEET WITH BENN DURING THIS VISIT.)

2. APART FROM FOREGOING, FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN WISHES TO ADVANCE HIS MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE TO 10:00 AM (VICE 10:30), WITH MEETING TO CONTINUE AS PREVIOUSLY

PLANNED UNTIL 12:30 PM WORKING LUNCHEON BEGINS.

3. THURSDAY (MARCH 31) EVENING CONCERT (LONDON
PHILHARMONIC AT ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL) BEGINS AT 8:00 PM.
PARTY INCLUDES FOREIGN SECRETARY AND MRS. OWEN,
CHANCELLOR AND MRS. HEALEY (STILL TO BE OFFICIALLY
CONFIRMED), SECRETARY AND MRS. VANCE, AND MR. WARNKE.
BECAUSE OF CONSTRICTED TIMING, DINNER WILL HAVE TO BE
AFTER THE CONCERT, PROBABLY AT CARLTON GARDENS.

4. FCO DOES NOT YET KNOW WHO WILL BE PARTICIPATING ON
BRITISH SIDE IN THURSDAY TALKS AT FCO AND AT LUNCHEON.
WILL ADVISE ASAP.

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